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Our mission : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
FRIDAY 7:00 pm
SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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and to dust
you shall return.

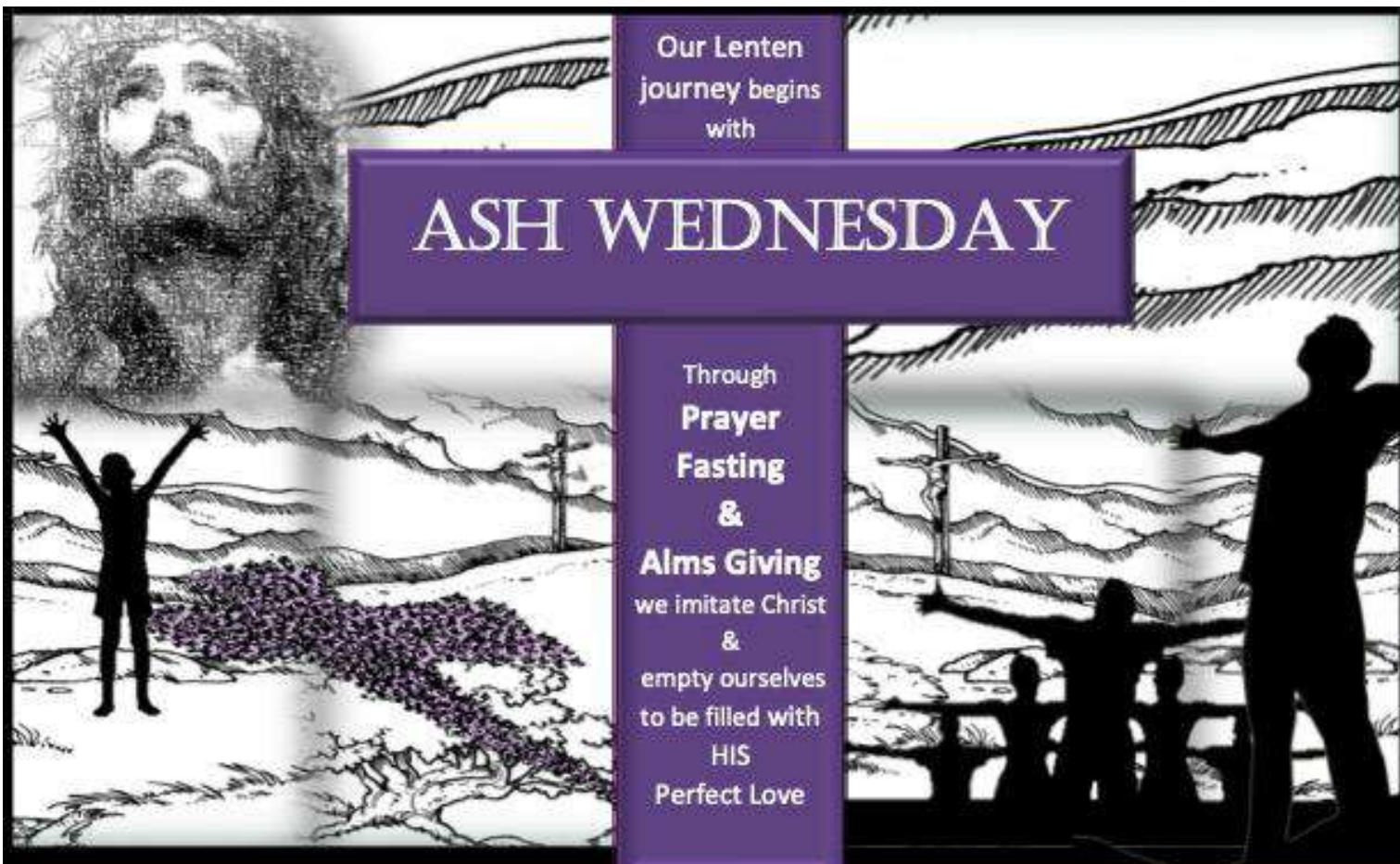
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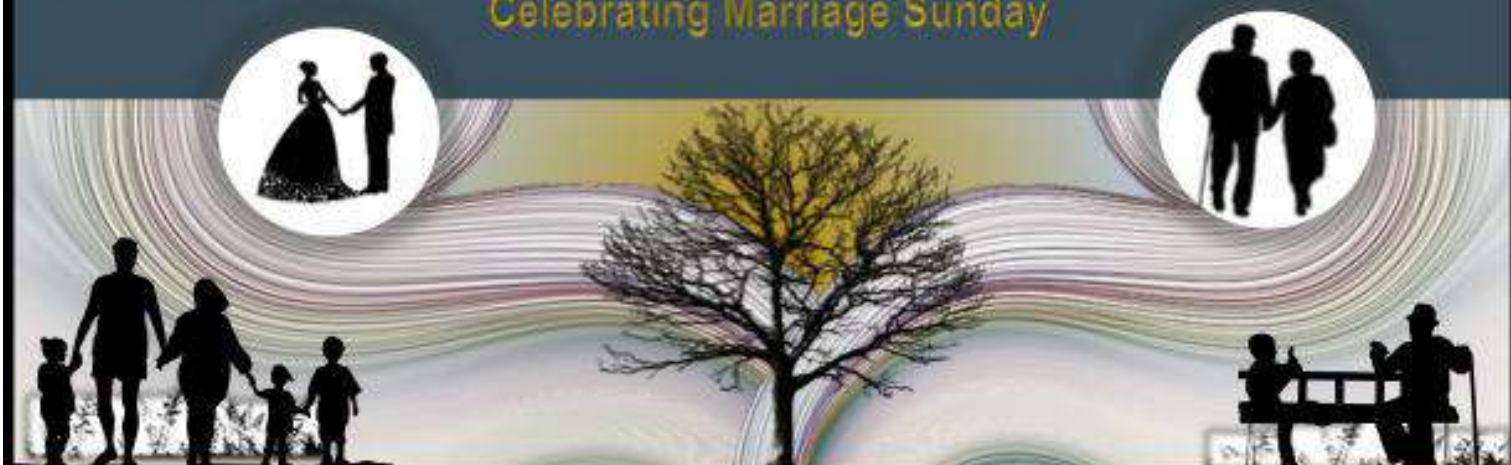


Our Lenten
journey begins
with

ASH WEDNESDAY

Through
Prayer
Fasting
&
Alms Giving
we imitate Christ
&
empty ourselves
to be filled with
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Perfect Love

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Marriage is a life-long commitment to God, to oneself and to one's spouse.
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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS
RECEIVED FOR THE GALAPIN FAMILY
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+ CARMEN INAY

TUESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM S.I. WILFRED JAIME LOUIS
+ JUAN ORMAECHEA
+ JUANITA LEOPANDO

WEDNESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY *Ash Wednesday*

9:00 AM + RITA JANSZ
+ PEDRO TAGUILASO

7:00 PM AVAILABLE

THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + EDUARDA AMARAL
+ MARIMMA & ARASARATNAM

FRIDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

6:30 PM + DAPHNE IRANI

SATURDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

9:00 AM + BENJAMIN LAKRA

5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

8:30 AM S.I. KAREN BOOTH
+ WILLIE BETHEA
+ GENOVEVA DULAY

10:15 AM + SUWRNA PERERA
+ ALLEN ESMIRITU
+ RONALD PERERA

12:00 PM **(MASS WITH INCENSE)**
S.I. SHEMAR ALEXANDER
+ MARCIANO QUIZEO
+ MICHAEL STONE

7:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**



There will be no 7pm Mass on Sunday 18 February due to the family day weekend. The parish office will also be closed on Monday February 19th and will reopen on Tuesday February 20th.

LENT
WALKING WITH CHRIST

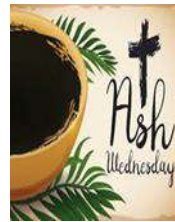
LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays during Lent: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Adoration
6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2023

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$50,765
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$4,998
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$4,357
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$1,812,424

ASH WEDNESDAY



Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of the year.

Fasting means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the full meal. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat, but not of eggs or milk products. **Ash Wednesday is not a day of Mass obligation.**

40 CANS FOR LENT



During Lent, Catholics are asked to alleviate another's misfortune and through the 40 Cans for Lent Program, your council can bring the joy of the Resurrection to those in need.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

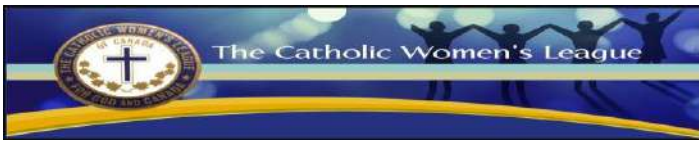
Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th** and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans any time throughout the Lenten season in the designated boxes in the church foyer and they will be distributed to those in need.



Our Senior's Mass and Lunch will be held on Wednesday February 21st. We will begin with Mass at 11:30 a.m. followed by the luncheon. This event is open to all seniors of the parish, please join us for some faith and fellowship. **With the Lenten season soon upon us, this will be our last luncheon until May 15th. If you are planning to attend, please contact Rosemary Plantinga at 1-416-894-7138 or rosemaryplantinga@yahoo.ca**

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On Thursday, February 15th, the CWL Craft Group will meet at the Makerspace, Ajax Library in the McLean Community Centre. We will meet at 1pm to use their sewing machine and learn to use the serger and embroidery machines for CWL projects. Parishioners interested in joining the CWL Craft group, please contact Janet Gazarek at janetfgazarek@hotmail.com

There will be no Life Teen on Saturday February 17th due to the Family Day long weekend. The next Life Teen night scheduled for March 2nd is an all-day retreat at the Lift Jesus Higher Rally and there will be no meeting at the parish that evening. Tickets are \$30 and if you're available please contact Noah Aquino at youth.sfds@gmail.com to reserve your ticket. Registration for Edge Camp open to students in grades 5 to 8 will open on February 15th, please email Noah for more information.

2023 TAX RECIEPTS

Thank you to everyone who makes an offertory donation to our parish. Your generosity is truly appreciated. **Please note that your 2023 parish tax receipts are being processed and you will receive them in the mail on or before Friday, February 23.**



Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Boxes that are not picked up will be redistributed in March.**

Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



CONFIRMATION

There will be **NO CLASS** next week due to the Family Day Weekend. Students should have already received their books. These books are yours to keep. Remember to bring your own pencil or pen as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our confirmandi. Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to learning and growing in our faith together as we journey to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in April.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We're continuing to prepare the children in class for their First Reconciliation on Saturday February 24th. Please see below for the First Reconciliation times for each school group. **Please remember, do not line up to get your passport stamped until Father has processed out of the church.**

School	First Reconciliation & Passport Review #2
St. Andre Bessette	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00 p.m.
Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00pm
St. Francis de Sales	Saturday February 24 th at 10:00am
St. Josephine Bakhita	Saturday February 24 th at 1:00pm
St. Jude	Saturday February 24th at 10:00am
St. Catherine of Siena	Saturday February 24th at 1:00pm
St. Patrick	Saturday February 24th at 10:00am
Virtual Schools	Saturday February 24th at 10:00am



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